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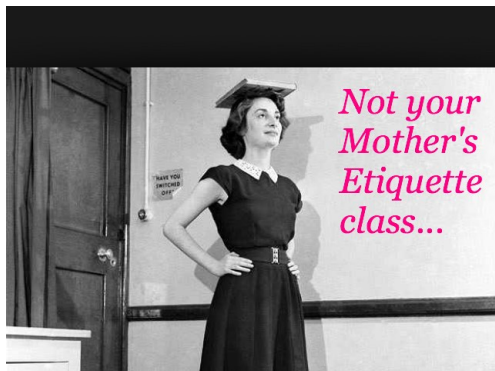
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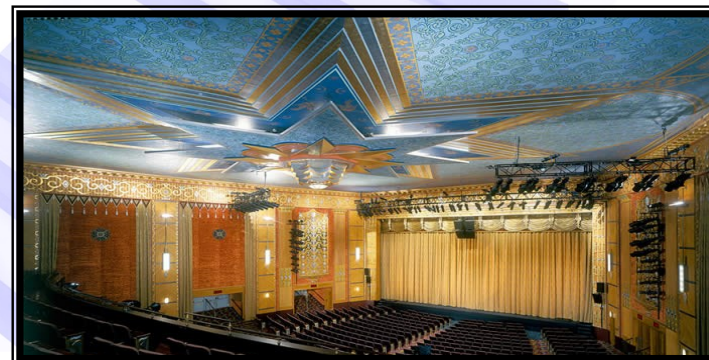
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Past Northwest Idol Winners:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Age Group</u> | <u>Winner</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2006: | 26 and up | Antwan Johnson |
| | 16 - 25 | Patrick Reardon |
| 2007: | 26 and up | Maxine Howard |
| | 16 - 25 | Sean McVerry |
| 2008: | 26 and up | Janette Dubray |
| | 16 - 25 | Mike Fedesco |
| 2009: | 26 and up | Ann Marie Beaver-Singletary |
| | 16 - 25 | Sara McVerry |
| 2010: | 26 and up | Brianna Engle |
| | 16 - 25 | Aubrey VanAllen |
| 2011: | 15 and up | Nodjela Cole |
| 2012: | 15 and up | Jessica Storrs |
| 2013: | 15 and up | Bill Benson |
| 2014: | 15 and up | Sara Larkin |

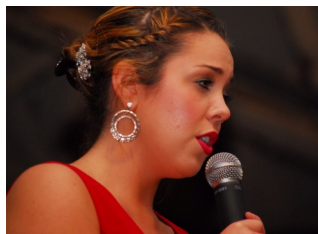


THE CONTESTANTS

ALANNA SINCLAIR

Alanna is a nineteen year old from Norfolk. She has been singing ever since she was able, and has been involved in groups such as Chorus Angelicus, the New England Music Festival Choir, and various a capella performance groups. Since graduating in 2014, Alanna has been working to hone her vocal and instrumental abilities, and she hopes to pursue music as a career.

NORFOLK, CT



HALI SOULIER

BURLINGTON, CT



This is my first competition and to make it to the semifinals is just awesome! I love to sing all types of music since I can remember being really little. It's the start of what I want to do with my life.

NEKITA WALLER

BLOOMFIELD, CT

There was never a question that music would be a part of Nekita Waller's life. From her first composition in her daycare class, to performing at the Apollo Theater while still in high school, to performing live with different bands throughout the state, music defines Nekita's life. Nekita's diverse journey has taken her through chorus and choir groups, musical theater as a child at the Hartford Conservatory, singing gospel in church, courses at Hart School of Music, mentoring and singing with local independent artists – this experience has exposed Nekita to a variety of musical styles.



MANDI ZONTOK

TORRINGTON, CT



I'm just a 25 year old mother of a beautiful 3 year old girl. I work in the produce department at a local grocery store and devote all my spare time to my daughter. I enjoy getting a good night's rest, spending time outdoors, and of course singing! I have no musical training and have never taken lessons, but hope to improve soon starting with my nerves.

Meet Our Hosts!

CASEY MCKENNA

Casey McKenna will again be co-hosting the final competition and show. He is no stranger to the Warner Theatre stage! Casey has performed in several theatre productions, including the Seven Angels Theatre as Henry Higgins in 'My Fair Lady'. Casey has been hosting the Northwest Idol competition for 10 years since it was created back in 2006. As a loyal volunteer to Northwest Idol and the Parks and Recreation Department as a whole, Casey plays a vital role in the production of this very popular competition. The Parks and Recreation Department is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional volunteer!



TIM URBAN



During the 2010 season of American Idol, Tim Urban emerged on the national music scene with a blend of his smooth vocals, all American charm and trademark smile. His talent, determination and upbeat attitude won the hearts of fans all over the world and earned him the number seven slot in the competition as well as the chance to perform on the AI 2010 summer concert tour.

Tim's journey towards a music career began with his birth on May 1, 1989 in Washington State. A family move when he was six brought Tim to Duncanville, Texas where he spent the next fourteen years. Several members of Tim's large family play instruments and he first picked up his dad's guitar when he was thirteen. His musical style was influenced by such musicians as Jim Croce, John Denver, Third Day, James Taylor, Michael Buble, Coldplay and Matt Nathanson. He continued to develop his love for music throughout high school, performing in various musical theater productions and playing at local music venues. Tim also discovered his talent for song writing during this time. He recorded his first CD of original music called Run Away in 2008. Since finishing the American Idol 2010 concert tour, Tim has continued to press forward with his career as a recording artist. An avid song writer, Tim immediately set to work composing and recording his own material for an album. He released his new EP Heart of Me on November 8, 2010 through iTunes. The six-song EP includes "Heart of Me," "Lullaby," "Wheels Touch Down," "P.S.," "I and You," and "Blur." Tim moved from Texas to L.A. in early 2011 to pursue singing and acting opportunities. He continues to write new music, pursue acting opportunities and perform concerts around the country.

THE CONTESTANTS

LINDSAY BOOTH

WINSTED, CT

Born in a small town in Canada, as the youngest of three, most of my exposure to music was through watching my grandfather play and community sing-a-longs during the summer. While growing up I wanted to be a rock star. Despite not accomplishing this, my life is still exciting. By day, I am a secretary at a local law school, by night I walk my dog (my biggest fan) and take classes at NWCC, and travel during vacations. I sing rarely these days, so I have dusted off my vocal cords for the tenth anniversary celebration of Northwest Idol.



KATELYN GAVAGAN

TORRINGTON, CT



I am 25 years old, this is my second time auditioning for Northwest Idol (several years ago I came in top 6). I graduated in December of 2014 from Western Connecticut State University with a B.S. in music education. I am a general music teacher for grades 3-5 in Watertown. I love to teach and perform! Past performance experience includes vocalist and keyboard player in genres such as jazz, funk, modern country, and pop rock. If I win Northwest Idol, I would like to go into the studio and record some originals. I would also give back to my mother. She has been a huge support in my musical career. Love you mom!

BOBBI JO KLUG

TORRINGTON, CT

I have an amazing and beautiful family. I work for Union Savings Bank. This is my 4th year competing in Northwest Idol and I am enjoying every minute of it. I play softball for the Torrington Park and Rec., I'm on a horseshoe league in Cornwall, CT, and I am the PTO Treasurer for Forbes School, and I am a team mom for the Torrington Warriors Football League. I love to karaoke in my spare time and spend time with my amazing friends and family!!!!



THE CONTESTANTS

JAZMON LATOUR

TORRINGTON, CT



I am 24 years old and have competed in Northwest Idol for the past two years. In 2013, I made it into the top twelve and got to perform at the Warner for the first time. In 2014, I set a goal to place in the top six, and I managed to achieve that goal. This year, I would really like to keep improving and place in the top three, however I love the excitement of the competition and am very thankful I am able to participate at all. My favorite parts of the

competition are getting all dolled up before performances, and getting to watch the other performers showcase their talents.

PATRICIAN PEPEN

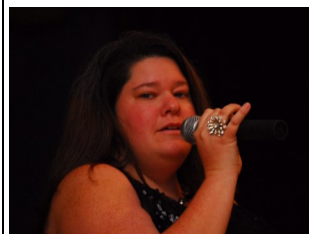
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I'm from the Dominican Republic. I live in Torrington. Singing is one of my passions. I work at CJR School in Litchfield as an instructional assistant and I also work as a Zumba instructor at Dance N' Beyond Studio in Winsted and at the YMCA in Torrington. I have two kids, Joshua and Ashley. I love them both. I really enjoy being on stage. Recently I became a member of the St. Peter's Church Choir.



COURTNEY PETERMAN

WATERBURY, CT



I am 32 years old and have lived in Connecticut my entire life. I have been singing from a young age and have sung all genres of music. Two years ago I received the second place title in the Northwest Idol competition and more recently I was named one of the top 25 finalists in The Voice of McDonald's contest. I was chosen out of 700 entries and received statewide television news spots and radio broadcasts, as well as performed

live to promote the event. I currently study voice with Victoria Gozzi at the Newtown Centre of Ballet and Voice.

